

## FARMERS PUSHING GOOD ROADS PLAN

To Meet Saturday to Consider Extension of State Highway Improvements to Andalusia.

### MEANS MUCH TO ROCK ISLAND

Will Give Excellent Thoroughfare From Second Avenue Through Country Townships.

Farmers of Black Hawk and Andalusia townships have organized to improve roads so that during the coming year a good highway will be provided from the business section of Rock Island to Andalusia.

Cooperating with the highway commissioners of the two townships, the farmers plan to build a gravel road from the end of the contemplated state aid road, two miles west of Milan to Andalusia. The state road will be finished this season and it is entirely likely that the Ninth and Twelfth street paving projects in this city will be completed by fall also. This will mean that from Second avenue to Andalusia an improved highway will be afforded.

At the Andalusia town hall Saturday afternoon a second meeting to further the project will be held. Yesterday the commissioners of the two townships held a joint meeting and took steps to cooperate with the organization of farmers and Andalusia residents. The Black Hawk commissioners have given assurance that they will furnish gravel for the improvement. There is a possibility that the road commissioners of Black Hawk, Andalusia and Edgington or some other township in the lower end of the county will join in purchase of road-making machinery. Plan is to buy a roller. None of the townships now owns any modern machinery. By owning the machinery jointly the cost would not be a burden, and this plan would insure better roads in a larger district.

### Work Is Pledged.

At a gathering of residents of Andalusia township and owners of property along the Andalusia road recently, definite steps toward improvement of the highway were taken. In less than a half hour 40 days' work with teams had been promised and 20 days' of labor in shoveling had been pledged. The pledges are steadily growing, and a committee, which was named to seek contributions from citizens not present at the meeting reports fine success. The committee includes Ben Nitz, Albert Blaser, Albert Guyer and John Einfeldt.

Interest in the proposition is not confined to Andalusia. Several residents of Edgington have pledged work on the road, and one man three and one-half miles the other side of Edgington has volunteered to furnish a team for several days.

In addition to the teams and labor pledged funds are to be sought to insure the maintenance of the highway through the summer. Rock Island business men will be asked to contribute small amounts toward the project. As a committee to interview Rock Island interests the farmers named Albert Hofer and W. E. Parmer of Andalusia township and William Hoffman and F. A. Wood of Black Hawk township.

Not only are the men interested in the project, but the ladies, too, mean to take an active hand in the work. They will organize to provide hot meals for the workers. Headquarters are to be established at one of George Wagner's farms, and there the ladies will establish a commissary and supply the men with meals during the days the road work is in progress.

### Is Dollar Argument.

"There has been a lot of talk about good roads in the lower end of the county; now we are going to work," said one leader in the movement today. "We believe this work will bring Andalusia 50 per cent nearer Rock Island. We mean to provide a road that will serve us 365 days a year. I've lived in Andalusia township a good many years, and that highway now is 500 per cent better than it was

## EASILY DECIDED

This Question Should Be Answered Easily by Rock Island People.

Which is wiser—to have confidence in the opinions of your fellow-citizens, of people you know, or depend on statements made by utter strangers residing in far-away places? Read the following:

Robert Neff, retired farmer, 921 Fourth avenue, Rock Island, says: "The first symptoms of kidney trouble in my case was backache. When I stooped over, a sharp pain caught me in the small of my back and I had to brace myself on the arms of a chair before I could get up. The kidney sensations were so acute and passed so frequently, especially at night. They also contained sediment. I had dizzy spells when everything before me seemed to be in a whirl. I used five boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and they gave me the best of results." Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Dr. Neff had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

in former times. But it is still bad. I've seen the road in such condition that a big strong team could not pull an ordinary buggy through to Milan, to say nothing of hauling loads to market. It is a dollar argument with us. We believe the good roads will add dollars to the value of our land, and that it will save us big amounts each year in the cost of getting to Rock Island.

"Rock Island business men have a selfish interest in aiding this work. People of the lower end would prefer to trade in Rock Island if they were sure of good roads. As it is they go to Muscatine. They pay 40 cents bridge toll and Muscatine gets their money, just because they can not get to Rock Island. We feel confident that Rock Island will back up this project."

Charles Ohms is chairman of the organization promoting the road plan, and Supervisor Charles Burgoyne of Andalusia township is secretary. A big attendance is anticipated at Saturday's meeting to complete plans for the work.

## SAVES LIFE WITH HIS CRUDE TOOLS

Elkins, W. Va., Jan. 26.—With two tin teaspoons, a pocket knife and a piece of rubber tubing as his instruments, Dr. H. W. Daniel, of the Elkins hospital, performed an operation on a woman apparently dying of diphtheria and saved her life. It was learned today, called to the mountain home of Mrs. Thurman Coberly, the doctor, having no surgical instruments with him, made an incision in the woman's windpipe with his knife and, using the teaspoons bent double as retractors, he inserted the rubber tube.

Respiration was restored and within a few hours the patient regained consciousness and it is said today that her recovery is expected.

## ASKS FOR ACTION ON ARMED VESSEL

Washington, Jan. 26.—Baron Erich Zwiadinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, today asked the state department what the United States intended to do in the case of the Italian steamship Verona, which arrived in New York several days ago with two guns mounted on her stern.

The inquiry was the same as that made by the charge in the case of the Italian steamer Giuseppe Verdi, which reached New York with two guns mounted aft. The Verdi was allowed to sail on her return trip. Indications are that the Austrian government may notify the United States that any other merchant vessels permitted to sail with guns aboard, even if intended for defense only, will be considered hostile craft, subject to being sunk without warning.

## ENGLISH THRESH BLOCKADE ISSUE

London, Jan. 26, (6:30 p. m.)—The opening phrase of the speeches of Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary in the house of commons, and of the Marquis of Lansdowne, minister without portfolio, in the house of lords, today gave the impression that the British government is not likely to resort to an absolute blockade of Germany.

Experts and self styled experts of the economies of war and the law of maritime war on commerce mobilized in the house of commons this afternoon to debate on measures to be taken for a blockade against Germany.

Critics of the government's policy and the defenders thereof were equally insistent on the necessity of enforcing "a blockade as effective as possible," but they disagreed on the best method of enforcing it.

## MAKING PLAN TO SPUR CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 26.—Plans for spurring congress to greater activity on the administration legislative program were the subject of further conferences at the White house today.

President Wilson had engagements to discuss the subject with the leaders of both house and senate. He is anxious that congress dispose of its work and adjourn before the national conventions.

Majority Leader Kitchin already has promised the president action in the house within the next few weeks on a number of measures, including a tariff commission, a revenue measure to follow the army and navy appropriation bills, an anti-dumping act, a shipping bill and the Philippine bill.

In the senate the president has been told, however, long delays are threatened in debates over national defense, shipping, tariff and revenue bills.

**Cold Wave Promised Friday.**  
The weather bureau sent out a warning this afternoon that a cold wave is on the way and will reach here by Friday morning with a drop of from 40 to 50 degrees in east and central Iowa and a drop of 20 to 30 degrees in western Iowa.

**Crude Oil Advances.**  
Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 26.—An advance of five cents in the price of Oklahoma and Kansas crude oil was announced in Tulsa today by the Prairie Oil and Gas company.

The price is now \$1.30 a barrel, which is the highest since 1904.

## VOLKS-ZEITUNG IS TO QUIT THE FIELD

German Newspaper, Launched Here in 1875, Merged With Iowa Reform, Davenport.

### HAS HAD NUMEROUS OWNERS

Offshoot of Volksblatt, One of Pioneer Publications of Class Started in 1856.

The Rock Island-Moline Volks-Zeitung, established here in 1875, is to pass from the field the first of next month. The Volks-Zeitung was successor to the Volksblatt, founded in 1856, and the Boebachter and the Chronik des Westens, which were among the pioneer German newspaper publications of the Mississippi valley.

Two years ago the Volks-Zeitung, which was published from a plant on Third avenue between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, was purchased by the Iowa Reform, which is published by Adolph Petersen in Davenport. Mr. Petersen announces it has been found advisable to merge the local paper with the Iowa Reform. Beginning Feb. 1 Mr. Petersen states, subscribers to the Volks-Zeitung will receive the Reform in enlarged size.

The Volks-Zeitung was published semi-weekly. Its first editor was Carl Winter, and was issued from a plant on the second floor of the old Buford block, which occupied the site of the present Best building. In 1882 Winter sold the paper to George S. Lechner, of Johnston, Pa. Lechner, after a few months, disposed of the property to F. Protar, the latter in turn selling in 1893 to the Rock Island-Moline Volks-Zeitung Publishing company, with Paul Kersch as editor and August Hansen as manager.

### Peter Makes It Success.

In 1897 John P. Keiffer of Remsen, Iowa, purchased the paper. Gustav Donald of Davenport next succeeded to the ownership of the paper in 1899. In 1901 it passed to the hands of Val J. Peter, under whose direction the publication prospered as it never had previously. Several years ago Mr. Peter secured a thriving German daily in Omaha.

## EIGHT ARE KILLED IN SEATTLE FIRE

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26.—Six persons lost their lives here today in a fire which destroyed the interior of the five-story Talbot Walker building at Jackson street and First avenue south. Six are known to have perished.

A large quantity of hemp was being dried in the building. Officials said there was no trace of incendiaryism.

Three of the first six found dead lost their lives leaping from windows. Three others were suffocated. Several others who jumped from windows were caught in blankets.

## Obituary

Mrs. Caroline Nancy McNeal.

Remains of Mrs. Caroline Nancy McNeal, pioneer of Hampton township and a resident of Rock Island county for 70 years, were laid to rest in Hampton cemetery this afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at the home at 1131 afternoon, Rev. J. V. Kennedy officiating.

Death of Mrs. McNeal marks the passing of one of the earliest settlers of this vicinity. Caroline Nancy McNeal was born near Erie, Pa., Aug. 3, 1836. She came with her parents to Henry county, Ill., in 1859. A few years later the family moved to Port Byron, where Caroline attended the public schools and grew to womanhood. Her marriage to George McNeal took place in that place, May 1, 1856. He preceded her in death seven months, passing June 27, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeal lived in Port Byron 22 years. They moved to Watertown in 1879 and to Hampton in 1903. Mrs. McNeal is survived by her sister, Mrs. E. A. Palmer, Kingsley, Iowa, and many distant relatives. Only child born to the union, Louise, died at the age of 15 months. When a young girl Mrs. McNeal united with the Congregational church and had been a devout member practically all her life.

### Funeral of Mrs. Bertha C. Hult.

The funeral of Mrs. Bertha C. Hult was held this afternoon at 1:30 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Ostrom, 1027 Twenty-first street, and at 2 o'clock at the Swedish Lutheran church. Rev. Karl Nilsson, pastor of the church, conducted the services. Mrs. H. W. Clemann sang. Interment was in Riverside cemetery, Moline. The pallbearers were Andrew Jackson, O. P. Olson, Clark Swanson, August Anderson, M. F. Boquist and E. F. Tealstrom.

### Funeral of Mrs. J. Magrum.

The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Magrum will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's church. Father Peter Kluck will be in charge of the services with interment in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Magrum passed away yesterday morning at 3:30 at her home, 2552 Eleventh-and-a-half avenue, following a lingering illness with a complication of ailments. Her maiden name was Mary Meyer and she was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 24, 1877. She lived in the east until 1905, when she came to this city. She was united in marriage to Joseph Magrum in November of the same year. She was an active member of St. Mary's church and of the Altar society of the church.

Those left to mourn her passing are her husband, two sons, Joseph and Clement, and two brothers, Edward and Joseph Meyer, both of Pittsburg.

**Funeral of Thomas Madden.**  
The funeral of Thomas Madden was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at the county infirmary. Interment was in the infirmary cemetery. He had been at the county institution three years. He was 65 years of age and formerly resided in this city. There are no surviving relatives.

### Huyes Infant.

Mary, 5-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Huyes, Thirteenth street and Twelfth avenue, East Moline, died at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 8:30 at St. Mary's church, East Moline. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery in that city.

## PAIR WITH WIGS HELD IN MURDER

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Frank Pace and a woman said to be his wife were in custody of the police today in connection with the robbery of the Cook tourist agency and murder of Policeman Bror Johnson last Friday.

The police said they found three blonde wigs in the apartment occupied by the prisoners which answered the description of the color of the hair worn by the woman accomplice in the murder. A hat similar to that worn by the woman also was found, the police said.

Pace told the police that he and his wife came to Chicago from his home in Kansas the day before the robbery. After being held for several hours by the Chicago police on suspicion that he might have been the robber who robbed the tourist agency of Thomas Cook & Son last Friday and killed Bror Johnson, traffic policeman, Pace was freed from suspicion today. Edward Stone, manager of the tourist agency, said that Pace was not the man.

## MINERS DECIDE TO NOT SUSPEND

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 26.—The United Miners of America in convention today decided not to suspend work after the contracts have expired so long as negotiations for new agreements are pending. A rising vote taken after a long debate showed that 1,000 of the 1,300 delegates favored the proposition of non-suspension recommended by President John P. White.

Most of the opposition to the policy came from Indiana and Illinois, although President Frank Farrington of the Illinois miners and International Vice President Frank J. Hayes of Illinois, supported President White. The anthracite miners were almost unanimous for the non-suspension policy.

## PHILIPPINE BILL MAY BE AMENDED

Washington, Jan. 26.—An amendment to the Philippine bill, said to be acceptable to President Wilson, was submitted today by Chairman Hitchcock of Philippine committee which would provide that not more than four years, nor less than two years after the meeting of the new Filipino legislature to be created by the pending bill, the president should withdraw the sovereignty of the United States and proclaim the independence of the Filipino people provided they enter into such binding agreements with the United States as they president may deem necessary for the protection of recognized rights and interests of Americans and other nationalities in the islands.

The president would be empowered to reserve naval bases, coaling stations and other property required by the United States for military purposes.

## ELOPES WITH SCHOOL GIRL; IS ARRESTED

Silvis was agog today over a marriage which occurred Monday, but which did not become generally known until yesterday, when George W. Boyle, aged 23, was arrested on complaint of his new father-in-law, William Cheston. Boyle was married Monday to Miss Hattie Miller, 15-year-old school girl and step-daughter of Cheston. The ceremony was performed by Justice Williams in Moline. The charges were dropped when Boyle promised to leave his wife and the state.

### Want New School in Moline.

Residents in the southwest section of Moline will appear before the Moline board of education at the February meeting with a petition bearing 156 names asking that a new school building be erected in place of the present Seventh street school. The citizens contend that the present structure is a fire trap, unsanitary and overcrowded.

### Invents Wireless Detective.

Washington, Jan. 26.—A wireless detective that will tell where radio messages come from has been invented and developed by Frederick Kolster, an experimenter in the government bureau of standards.

The invention is said to be readily adaptable for army field work as well as it is compact and can be carried by the operator.

## Better than any Wall St. Tip



Buy Varsity Fifty Fives and Varsity Six Hundreds at clearance sale quotations.

YOU are certain to make at least 10 to 20 per cent on your investment and in one day without any risk—it's a sure thing.

We've reduced the prices on our Hart Schaffner & Marx

clothes in order to move them in readiness for spring goods; such clothes as these are standard values; worth every cent of regular prices. When you buy them for less you're making easy money.

Just three more days of this Manhattan shirt sale; you ought to get in on it. Every style soft or plaited fronts included, soft or starch cuffs.

A straight reduction of 20% on all boys' fancy suits and overcoats is attracting hundreds of mothers to the boys' section. The styles and fabrics are unusually choice; the variety is large in all sizes.

Simon and Landauer  
2nd Harrison St. and Davenport Iowa.

## CRIMINAL TRIALS BEGIN ON MONDAY

Two Murder Cases Are Included in Calendar Which State's Attorney Thompson Announces.

Two murder cases are included in the criminal trial calendar for the present term announced this afternoon by State's Attorney F. E. Thompson. Dan Chastine who shot down Hugo Alvine, and Charles Carrington, colored, held for the slaying of Lester Nesbit, are the two defendants who will answer to this charge.

Start on the calendar will be made next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Order in which the cases will be tried follows:

John Kausky, robbery.  
Robert Lafferty, larceny.  
Dan Chastine, murder.  
John Helbe, larceny.  
Mike Smith, burglary and larceny.  
Albert Wagner and Charles Carter, larceny.  
Charles Carrington, murder.  
Ray J. Jones, forgery.  
Thomas Smiley, receiving stolen property.  
John Price, manslaughter.

## MAKES 2 ATTEMPTS TO DIE IN HIS CELL

Ed Gardner, 25 years of age, arrested in Davenport for a series of check forgeries, made a second unsuccessful attempt to kill himself in the county jail last night. Gardner, who was engaged to marry, was without funds. He broke a water glass and jabbed the point of a broken piece into his nostrils and wrists. A few hours before he tried to end his life by breaking the light globe in his cell and cutting his wrists. He will live.

## STATE RESTS CASE IN MOHR MURDER TRIAL

Providence, R. I., Jan. 26.—The state rested today in the trial of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr and two negroes, Cecil Brown and Henry Spellman, charged with the murder of the woman's husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, last August.

By the testimony of more than fifty witnesses, including George W. Healis, Dr. Mohr's chauffeur, who turned state's evidence, the prosecution had attempted to prove that the negroes shot the physician at the instigation of Mrs. Mohr.

Counsel stated that Mrs. Mohr would go on the stand in her own defense.

## BOYS ARE DRIVEN TO STEAL THROUGH WANT

Destitution drove two negro boys to steal, according to statements made by the police today following the arrest of the lads. They gave their names

## WILL ASK COUNTY BOARD TO ASSIST

Supervisors Are to Be Petitioned for Appropriation for Crop Expert Salary.

### PUSH MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Another Meeting of Association to Be Held Here in Week to Adopt Bylaws and Constitution.

Great impetus was given the plan for a county agriculturist at the meeting of farmers and others interested yesterday afternoon at the court house. Unusual enthusiasm was shown and there is every indication that the Rock Island County Farm Improvement association, temporary organization of which was effected yesterday, will prove a potent factor in the development of both the farm and the commercial interests of the county.

Under Illinois law, members of boards of supervisors, can appropriate money toward the salary of a crop expert. This cannot be done under the Iowa statute. It is proposed to ask the supervisors here, for a liberal donation toward the expert. It is proposed to see the members individually now and formally present the matter at the next meeting of the body.

### Good Financial Plan.

In Davenport the sum of \$3,400 is annually raised by public subscription for the county crop expert. The membership dues there are but \$1 a year, which G. R. Bliss in his talk yesterday afternoon, explained was so small that it was exhausted in collection.

Here, he said, a wiser plan has been followed. Each member agrees to pay \$5 a year for a three-year period. Already 150 have signed, meaning a sum subscribed of \$750 a year or \$2,250 for three years.

It is proposed to solicit memberships in every township in the county. S. L. Woodburn, president, has appointed Frank Sherman of the Farmers' bank at Reynolds in charge of solicitation in the lower end of the county. The campaign will also be waged among the merchants and commercial concerns of the cities, but an attempt will be made to first show that the farmers are more than willing to shoulder their end of the financial responsibility in connection with the hiring of a crop expert.

Another meeting of the association will be held in Rock Island within the next week for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee on constitution and bylaws.

The contest is a popular yet scientific movement to improve the race by holding up certain physical and mental standards of perfection to which every mother should aim to bring her baby.

## CityBriefs

Buy a home of Reidy Bros.

Tri-City Towel Supply company.

For express, call William Trefz.

A class of candidates was given the mark master's degree last evening at the meeting of Rock Island chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, at Masonic temple.

The German-American alliance has arranged for a public concert to be given by the Rock Island Maennerchor at Turner hall on the evening of Feb. 22. The proceeds will be used for the German Red Cross society.

All the news all the time—The Argus.